

CERTIFICATE AS TO RESOLUTION AND ADOPTING VOTE

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting recording officer of Jefferson County, Montana (the "County"), hereby certify that the attached resolution is a true copy of Resolution No. 17-2007, entitled: "RESOLUTION RELATING TO RURAL SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2506; DECLARING IT TO BE THE INTENSION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO CREATE RURAL SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2506 FOR THE PURPOSE OF UNDERTAKING CERTAIN LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS AND FINANCING THE COSTS THEREOF AND INCIDENTAL THERETO THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF RURAL SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BONDS SECURED BY THE COUNTY'S RURAL SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT REVOLVING FUND AND TO CREATE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 2507 FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING THE IMPROVEMENTS" (the "Resolution"), on file in the original records of the County in my legal custody; that the Resolution was duly adopted by the meeting was duly held by the Board of County Commissioners and was attended throughout by a quorum, pursuant to call and notice of such meeting given as required by law; and that the Resolution as not as of the date hereof been amended or repealed.

I further certify that, upon vote being taken on the Resolution at said meeting, the following Commissioners voted in favor thereof: _____
_____; voted against the same: _____
_____; abstained from voting thereon: _____
_____; or were absent: _____.

WITNESS my hand officially this _____ day of July, 2007.

County Clerk and Recorder

RESOLUTION 17-2007

RESOLUTION RELATING TO RURAL SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2506;
DECLARING IT TO BE THE INTENTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS TO CREATE RURAL SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2506
FOR THE PURPOSE OF UNDERTAKING CERTAIN LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS AND
FINANCING THE COSTS THEREOF AND INCIDENTAL THERETO THROUGH THE
ISSUANCE OF RURAL SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BONDS SECURED BY THE
COUNTY'S REVOLVING FUND AND TO CREATE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 2507
FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING THE IMPROVEMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") of Jefferson County (the "County"), Montana, as follows:

Section 1. Proposed Improvements; Intention To Create Districts. The County proposes to undertake certain local improvements (the "Improvements") to benefit certain property located in the County. The Improvements consists of design, engineering, and construction of upgrades and improvements to Big Dipper Drive as more particularly described in Section 5. The total estimated costs of the Improvements and costs incidental thereto are to be paid from the rural special improvement district bonds hereinafter described in an estimated total principal amount of \$80,000. It is the intention of this Board to create and establish in the County under Montana Code Annotated , Title 7, Chapter 12, Part 21, as amended (the "Act"), a rural special improvement district (the "District") for the purpose of financing the costs of the Improvements benefitting the District and paying costs incidental thereto, including costs associated with the sale and the security of rural special improvement district bonds drawn on the District (the "Bonds"), the creation and administration of the District, and the funding of a deposit to the County's Rural Special Improvement District Revolving Fund (the "Revolving Fund"). The total estimated costs of the Improvements, including such incidental costs, to be financed by the Bonds are \$80,000. The Bonds are to be payable primarily from special assessments to be levied against property in the District, which property will be specially benefitted by the Improvements in an amount not less than \$80,000. It is also the intention of this Board to create and establish in the County under the Act, a rural special improvement maintenance district (the "Maintenance District") for the purpose of maintaining the Improvements.

Section 2. Number of District. The District, if the same shall be created and established, shall be known and designated as Rural Special Improvement District No. 2506 of Jefferson County, Montana. If the District shall be created and established, simultaneously therewith the Maintenance District shall be created and established and shall be known as Rural Special Improvement Maintenance District No. 2507 of Jefferson County, Montana.

Section 3. Boundaries of District. The limits and boundaries of the District are depicted on a map attached as Exhibit A hereto (which is hereby incorporated herein and made a part

hereof) and more particularly described by the legal description of the lots within the District as described on Exhibit B hereto (which is hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof), which boundaries are designated and confirmed as the boundaries of the District. A listing of each of the properties in the District and a description thereof is shown on Exhibit B hereto.

Section 4. Benefitted Property. The District and territory included within the limits and boundaries described in Section 3 and as shown on Exhibits A and B are hereby declared to be the rural special improvement district and the territory which will benefit and be benefitted by the Improvements located therein and will be assessed for the costs of the Improvements as described in Section 1. The property included within said limits and boundaries is hereby declared to be the property benefitted by the Improvements financed with the proceeds of the Bonds. The Board declares that all of the property in the District subject to assessment is benefitted by the Improvements, not just the property fronting upon the Improvements, and the contemplated Improvements, in the opinion of the Board, are of more than local or ordinary public benefit.

Section 5. General Character of the Improvements. The general character of the Improvements includes design, engineering, construction, reconstruction, including shaping and base course reconstruction, of Big Dipper Drive, drainage improvements, and applying a hard surfacing to consist of a double shot chip seal.

Section 6. Engineer and Estimated Cost. Great West Engineering, Inc., of Helena, Montana, shall be the Engineer for the District. The Engineer has estimated that the cost of the Improvements, including all incidental costs, is \$80,000, as shown in Exhibit C.

Section 7. Assessment Methods.

7.1. Property To Be Assessed. All properties within the District are to be assessed for a portion of the costs of the Improvements for which the District is responsible, as specified herein. The costs of the Improvements benefitting the District shall be assessed against the property in the District benefitted by such the Improvements, based on the equal method of assessment described in Section 7-12-2151, M.C.A., as particularly applied and set forth in this Section 7.

7.2. Equal Assessments. Each lot, tract, or parcel in the District will be assessed equally for its proportionate share of the costs of the Improvements benefitting the District. The total estimated cost of the Improvements benefitting the District and costs incidental thereto are \$80,000 and shall be assessed against each lot, tract or parcel of land in the District equally, such that each lot, tract or parcel in the District shall be assessed for the same amount of the cost of the Improvements benefitting the District. The costs of the Improvements benefitting the District per lot, tract or parcel to be assessed shall not exceed \$2,425. The total principal amount of the assessment for each lot, tract or parcel of land for the Improvements benefitting the District is shown on Exhibit B hereto.

7.3. Assessment Methodology Equitable and Consistent with Benefit. This Board hereby

determines that the method of assessment and the assessment of costs of the specific Improvements against the properties benefitted thereby as prescribed in this Section 7 are equitable and in proportion to and not exceeding the special benefits derived from the Improvements by the lots, tracts and parcels to be assessed therefor within the District.

Section 8. Payment of Assessments for Repayment of Bonds. The special assessments for the costs of the Improvements benefitting the District and costs incidental thereto shall be payable over a term expected to be approximately 15 years, but in any event not exceeding 20 years, each in equal semiannual installments of principal, plus interest as allowed by law, or equal semiannual payments of principal and interest as allowed by law, as this board shall prescribe in the resolution authorizing the issuance of the Bonds. Property owners have the right to prepay assessments as provided by law. The estimated total principal amount of special assessments for undertaking the Improvements against properties in the District is shown on the attached Exhibit B. In the event the District is created and the Bonds are issued, the special assessments levied against property in the District will be stated as semiannual installments of principal and interest. Assessments for maintenance of the Improvements are described below in Section 10.

Section 9. Method of Financing; Pledge of Revolving Fund; Findings and Determinations. The County will issue the Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$80,000 in order to finance the costs of the Improvements and costs incidental thereto. Principal of and interest on the Bonds will be paid from special assessments levied against the property in the District. This Board further finds it is in the public interest, and in the best interest of the County and the District, to secure payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds by the Revolving Fund and hereby authorizes the County to enter into the undertakings and agreements authorized in Section 7-12-2185, M.C.A., in respect of the Bonds.

In determining to authorize such undertakings and agreements, this Board has taken into consideration the following factors:

(a) Estimated Market Value of Parcels. The estimated market value of the lots, parcels or tracts in the District as of January 1, 2007, as estimated by the Montana Department of Revenue (the "DOR") (the appraiser for property tax purposes), is set forth in Exhibit B hereto. The special assessments to be levied against each lot, parcel or tract in the District, as calculated under Section 7, are less than the increase in estimated market value of the lot, parcel or tract as a result of the construction of the Improvements.

(b) Diversity of Property Ownership. There are 33 assessable lots, tracts and parcels in the District, of which approximately 30 are owned by individuals. There is one owner who owns two lots and the balance of the lots area owned by unrelated individuals or entities. There are 4 undeveloped lots in the District. The property ownership of the properties within the District's boundaries from the County's property ownership records in April 2007 is shown on Exhibit B.

(c) Comparison of Special Assessments and Property Taxes and Market Value.

Information showing proposed special assessments and market value information for tax assessment purposes is set forth on Exhibit B. There are no special assessments currently levied against properties in the District. The value of all the lots, tracts or parcels in the District as shown on the assessment rolls of the Montana Department of Revenue as of the date of adoption of this resolution is approximately \$3,057,180. The assessed value of the lots ranges from approximately \$22,492 to \$152,781.

(d) Delinquencies. None of the 33 lots has tax delinquencies as of April 2007.

(e) The Public Benefit of the Improvements. The Improvements will result in better driving conditions for the District residents as well as the citizens in general and will enhance safety in the area.

Section 10. Maintenance District. If the District is created, it is the intent of this Board to create simultaneously the Maintenance District for the purpose of assessing the costs of maintaining, preserving or repairing the Improvements in accordance with the provisions of Sections 7-12-2161 through 7-12-2163, M.C.A. Maintenance may include but is not limited to chip sealing, snow removal and sanding, minor drainage improvements, and minor repairs needed to preserve the road improvements. The boundaries of the Maintenance District shall be coterminous with the District. The total estimated annual non-labor costs of the maintenance of the Improvements is initially estimated to total \$2,508 for the first year. Maintenance of the Improvements will be assessed on an equal lot basis. The County proposes to provide labor for the maintenance of the Improvements. Based on 33 lots, the estimated cost and the corresponding annual assessment is \$76 per lot, tract or parcel for the first year of maintenance. Each year the County will determine the annual costs for the maintenance of the Improvements any may adjust the annual maintenance assessment in accordance with Section 7-12-2126, M.C.A., after a public hearing.

Section 11. Reimbursement Expenditures.

11.1. Regulations. The United States Department of Treasury has promulgated final regulations governing the use of proceeds of tax-exempt bonds, all or a portion of which are to be used to reimburse the County for project expenditures paid by the County prior to the date of issuance of such bonds. Those regulations (Treasury Regulations, Section 1.150-2) (the "Regulations") require that the County adopt a statement of official intent to reimburse an original expenditure not later than 60 days after payment of the original expenditure. The Regulations also generally require that the bonds be issued and the reimbursement allocation made from the proceeds of the bonds within 18 months (or three years, if the reimbursement bond issue qualifies for the "small issuer" exception from the arbitrage rebate requirement) after the later of (i) the date the expenditure is paid or (ii) the date the project is placed in service or abandoned, but (unless the issue qualifies for the "small issuer" exception from the arbitrage rebate requirement) in no event more than three years after the date the expenditures is paid. The Regulations generally permit reimbursement of capital expenditures and costs of issuance of the bonds.

11.2. Prior Expenditures. Other than (I) expenditures to be paid or reimbursed from sources other than the Bonds, (ii) expenditures constituting preliminary expenditures within the meaning of Section 1.150-2(f)(2) of the Regulations, or (iii) expenditures in a “de minimus” amount (as defined in Section 1.150-2(f)(1) of the Regulations), no expenditures for the Improvements have been paid by the County before the date 60 days before the date of adoption of this resolution.

11.3. Declaration of Intent. The County reasonably expects to reimburse the expenditures made for costs of the Improvements out of the proceeds of Bonds in an estimated maximum aggregate principal amount of \$80,000 after the date of payment of all or a portion of the costs of the Improvements. All reimbursed expenditures shall be capital expenditures, a cost of issuance of the Bonds or other expenditures eligible for reimbursement under Section 1.150-2 (d)(3) of the Regulations.

11.4. Budgetary Matters. As of the date hereof, there are no County funds reserved, allocated on a long-term basis or otherwise set aside (re reasonable expected to be reserved, allocated on a long-term basis or otherwise set aside) to provide permanent financing for the expenditures related to the Improvements, other than pursuant to the issuance of the Bonds. The statement of intent contained in this resolution, therefore, is determined to be consistent with the County’s budgetary and financial circumstances as they exist or are reasonably foreseeable on the date hereof.

11.5. Reimbursement Allocations. The County’s Treasurer shall be responsible for making the “reimbursement allocations” described in the Regulations, being generally the transfer of the appropriate amount of proceeds of the Bonds to reimburse the source of temporary financing used by the County to make prior payment of the costs of the Improvements. Each allocation shall be evidenced by an entry on the official books and records of the County maintained for the Bonds or the Improvements and shall specifically identify the actual original expenditures being reimbursed.

Section 12. Public Hearing; Protests. At any time within thirty (30) days from and after the date of the first publication of the notice of the passage and approval of this resolution, any owner of real property within the District subject to assessment and taxation for the cost and expense of making the Improvements may make and file with the County Clerk and Recorder until 5:00 p.m., M.T., on the expiration date of said 30-day period (August 10, 2007), written protest against the proposed Improvements, or against the extension or creation of the District or both. Such protest must be in writing, and identify the property in the District owned by the protestor. The protest must be delivered to the County Clerk and Recorder, who shall endorse thereon the date of its receipt by him or her. This Board will at its next regular meeting after the expiration of the thirty (30) days in which such protests in writing can be made and filed, proceed to hear all such protests so made and filed; which said regular meeting will be held on Tuesday the 14th of August, 2007 at 1:30 p.m., in the Jefferson County Courthouse at 201 Centennial, Boulder, Montana 59632.

Section 13. Notice of Passage of Resolution of Intention. The County Clerk and Recorder is hereby authorized and directed to publish or cause to be published a copy of a notice of the passage of this resolution in the *Whitehall Ledger*, the *Jefferson County Courier*, and the *Independent Record*, newspapers of general circulation in the County on July 11, 2007 and July 18, 2007, in the form and manner prescribed by law, and to mail or cause to be mailed a copy of said notice to every person, firm, corporation, or the agent of such person, firm, or corporation having real property within the District listed in his or her name upon the last completed assessment roll for state, county, and school district taxes, at his or her last-known address, on or before the same day such notice is first published.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Jefferson County, Montana, this 3rd day of July, 2007.

ATTEST:

**BONNIE RAMEY
CLERK AND RECORDER**

KEN WEBER, CHAIR

TOMAS E. LYTHGOE, COMMISSIONER

CHUCK NOTBOHM, COMMISSIONER